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TWO TAX CREDIT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

(Bel Air, MD - October 11, 2007) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig, joined by Billy Boniface, President of the Harford County Council, today signed into law two bills which will increase tax credits available to farmers. The bills were approved by the Harford County Council by unanimous vote earlier this week.

The bills, Harford County Bills No. 07-42 and 07-43 increase the local tax credit for properties in State Agricultural Districts or subject to a State Agricultural Preservation Easement and to increase the local tax credit for properties in the County Agricultural District or subject to Agricultural Preservation Easement to the County. The effective date of the legislation is the tax year beginning July 1, 2008.

There are currently 552 agricultural properties in

Harford County, which qualify for the tax credits. The legislation increases the amount of tax credit available to farmers from \$35 to \$50 per acre.

Commenting on the recently enacted legislation, County Executive David R. Craig stated, "Our agricultural community is an integral part of Harford County and we cherish their rich heritage. This legislation is another example of the efforts of the Harford County Council and my Administration working together for the benefit of our farmers."

This legislation marks the third time in the past year the Craig Administration has worked to cut taxes in an effort to lessen the property tax burden on the citizens of Harford County.

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